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POOR WORK ORGANIZATION HINDERS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Kobanyai Street in Budapest looks like a huge, single workshop. Large stacks of bricks and enormous quantities of timber are piled up on the street in front of the MAVAG (State Iron, Steel, and Machine Works) and at Ganz Wagon. At the Ganz Wagon alone, six buildings are under construction, including an apprentice shop, an assembly shop measuring 67 meters in length and 24 meters in height, and four smaller shops.

There are, however, trouble spots in the construction. Work on the new buildings was begun at the end of May and, according to the plan, it should be completed by the end of this year. The trouble started with the laying of the foundation, in which there was a 33-day delay, for various, partly unforeseen reasons. Later, another delay of 2 to 3 weeks resulted from the lack of cement and iron. All these delays were costly, because they kept the workers idle.

A report shows the hours worked productively and unproductively on the construction of the Ganz Wagon assembly plant for the week ending 12 August. Productive workhours totaled 4,094 compared to 2,958 unproductive workhours. Unproductive work includes time worked by trainees, apprentices, guards, cleaning personnel, waterboys, etc. Nearly 12 percent, or 476 hours, of the unproductive work was performed by skilled workers and trained helpers. This loss of skilled worker time could have been avoided.

Supplies began to flow at an unsatisfactory rate during the first days following the introduction of the new norms. The brigade of Louis Lovas, for example, fulfilled its norms 199 percent during Korea Week. Its performance, however, dropped to 69 percent on 28 August, the first day of the new norms, and to 84 percent on 29 August. On these days, the brigade was idle for hours at a time because of the lack of iron. The lack of iron was explained variously. One version was that the iron-cutting machine had gone out of order. According to another version, steel had been received instead of iron, and the machine could not cut it.

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The Szecsko bricklaying brigade has been idle since yesterday, because the mortar is defective and the bricks are not delivered according to schedule. The construction management pays no attention to the trouble spots and does not organize the work properly. Under these circumstances, average production on the construction decreased to 76.4 percent of the norm on the first day of the new norms and to 99.3 percent on the second day.

**NEW BRICK FACTORIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Budapest Vilagossag, 15 Aug 50**

Many new brick and construction material factories are being built under the Five-Year Plan. A new brick factory is under construction at Maly to supply the Borsod region. The new factory will be in complete large-scale operation in 1951, producing small bricks, wallboard, and twin bricks. A tuff-brick factory is being constructed at Eger, and a pyrite-brick factory is being constructed at Szurdokpuspok. The latter will begin production in 1951.

**NEW INSULATING MATERIALS -- Budapest Szabad Nep, 17 Aug 50**

Large-scale production of two new insulating materials is to begin shortly after successfully experimentation. One of the materials, called "ash cotton," is made from coal ashes and the other consists of a mixture of quartz and lime.

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